

AD 710

Beginning of the NARA period in Japan.
A centralised state based on the
Chinese system of administration.

710-1492

The Saracens conversion of Europe
was defeated at the battle of Tours 732

Nara period opens in Japan. Buddhism & Chinese cultural forms take hold in Japan. The brilliant achievements of the T'ANG dynasty in China, with its empire stretching from the YELLOW Sea to the Caspian, gave rise in Japan ~~to copy~~ ^{desire to copy} all things Chinese. During 7th Cen. Buddhism was widely adopted, though it lived alongside, rather than supplanting, the ancient religion of SHINTOISM.

In Japan, the newly built city of NARA became the capital of Japan. It remained so until 794.

In that short period of time it witnessed a great architectural flowering, especially of Buddhist temples. Of which the most outstanding was TODAI-JI, with a 52-foot-high sculpture of BUDDHA that remains one

of the largest bronze figures in the
world.

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After the 6th century, the word "ARAB" came to include all those people brought under the sway of the Caliph - the successor to the prophet - from borders of Turkey and Armenia to the far reaches of North Africa.

The earliest Arab empire was built by the Umayyad Caliphs,

who ruled Damascus in Syria from
644 until 750

In the early days it was considered
impossible for a non-Arab to be
a Muslim

Islam was carried as far as
Samarland and the Punjab

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RODERIC, last Visigothic king of Spain.

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1912 Dates J-BK
Bulins

Went with the C Y M R Y
of Cornwall.